

#VISION
2020

FALL 2018 Convocation

August 13-17, Colorado State University-Pueblo

Imagine. Innovate. Inspire.

Academic Excellence at CSU-Pueblo



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Welcome from the President

Now is an important and exciting time to be a part of Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Universities across the country are aggressively competing for a smaller cohort of students – students who have many options. Our robust economy is driving more and more young people into the workplace instead of classrooms. We are facing a rapidly changing economy and a global employment market that will place our graduates into careers and professions that do not exist today. All of this is occurring in an environment where the value of higher education is increasingly being questioned.

The goal of our VISION 2028 process is to articulate a clear and succinct vision, mission, and set of values for CSU-Pueblo. These important statements will allow us to write the *rest* of our story.

Our ability to preserve what we value about higher education is dependent on our ability to meet the needs of our students, community, and region. We must continue to prepare students for professional lives, drive economic development for Pueblo and our region, and cultivate a university-going culture that will sustain us for years to come.

Our story is one of endurance and an unwavering commitment to the belief that a university degree creates opportunities for all; it allows our students to solve problems and make significant and signature contributions that positively impact their workplaces, families, and communities.

This week, we celebrate our successes, define our opportunities, and continue to recognize the students, educators, and community advocates and partners who are Colorado State University-Pueblo.

I'm grateful that you are a part of our university community at this time in our development and excited about what we can do together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "timothy p. mottet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Timothy P. Mottet
President, Colorado State University-Pueblo



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Dear Colleagues,

I feel fortunate to have landed at CSU-Pueblo. The campus is beautiful, the facilities are impressive, and most importantly, people are kind and capable, and there are abundant opportunities for us to work together to make a difference and leave our mark. Indeed, the start of a new academic year is always exciting for educators and students alike. For me, my wife Reham, and my daughter Dahlia, it is an even more exhilarating time. This summer, we will discover Pueblo and the beautiful state of Colorado, find our way around campus, get to know new colleagues, and enjoy making new friends.

It is no secret that higher education has not been smooth or calm for many years. Enrollment challenges for regional institutions are growing. The environment where our students will live, learn, and work is changing at an unprecedented pace. Many norms of higher education have changed with that environment. Today's students have expanded demands, high expectations, and many choices as to where, what, and how they will learn. Constant change is our new reality, but I believe that this culture of change offers us numerous opportunities to better serve students.

We have chosen academia for reasons beyond material gain. We believe in the noble mission of service to our students, our region, and our community. I am confident that our ability to fulfill our mission as a Hispanic Serving Institution relies on our willingness to be dynamic, agile, ready to adapt, and prepared to anticipate and shape the *next* wave of change. Of course, being dynamic and agile should not mean that we abandon the core principles that made higher education thrive for so long. We must dedicate ourselves to being imaginative, open-minded, and collaborative – without losing our ability to debate, to disagree, and to listen to the concerns of others.

My summer has been a busy one. I have learned much about the institution and its culture: I have worked with the deans, collaborated with the leadership team, and engaged many diverse and passionate faculty and staff across our campus in order to prepare for the start of the new academic year, address our campus challenges, and lay the foundation for an inspiring and innovative cultural shift at CSU-Pueblo. In the year to come, I look forward to working together to develop a multi-pronged approach for Academic Excellence that is built on our cooperative agreement to:

- Support student retention and success through increased engagement and utilization of technology and pedagogical best practices;
- Revitalize existing programs through developing and aligning programs and institutional learning outcomes with market demand and student needs;
- Enhance access to current programs through online offerings and partnerships with community colleges in the region; and

- Efficiently develop new programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels through the optimal use of existing interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary offerings at CSU-Pueblo.

As we begin the new academic year, I am encouraged by the work on our #VISION2028 initiative. President Mottet, Dr. Souder Hodge, and the team leading this process have engaged students, employees, alumni, and community members, but much work remains. Your participation during convocation activities is more important than ever before. We want your feedback, your counsel, and your stories. The Convocation 2018 theme, "Imagine. Innovate. Inspire," is all about our vision for the next decade of service at CSU-Pueblo. From our work together this week, a new vision, mission, and set of values will emerge for our campus. It will be empowered by your imagination. It will be innovative. And we hope that it will be inspirational to the next generation of students.

Thank you for all you do for CSU-Pueblo, our students, and each other.

Sincerely yours,

~Mohamed

Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman
Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

FALL 2018 CONVOCATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- 7:45-8:15am** **Light Breakfast, Sponsored by The Center for Teaching & Learning** **OSC Ballroom Foyer**
- 8:30-10:30am** **Opening Session: Higher Ed "Disrupter" Jeff Selingo and President Mottet** **OSC Ballroom**
All members of the CSU-Pueblo campus community are encouraged to attend this opening session to Convocation 2018. Please operate your offices with minimum staff and coordinate with student workers, as necessary. Open to the public.
- 10:45am-12pm** **Academic Excellence, Provost Mohamed Abdelrahman** **Hoag Recital Hall**
All academic faculty and staff should plan to attend this innovative session with Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman. Meet our new Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and hear more about his bold vision for academics at CSU-Pueblo.
- 2-3:00pm** **Validating Draft Concepts: A Vision, A Mission, and CSU-Pueblo Values** **OSC Aspen**
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8am-5pm** **Department/Unit Meetings** **Various**
Please check with your chairs and directors to confirm these meetings.
- 9-11am** **CEEPS Faculty Meeting** **T-220**
- 9:30-11:30am** **CSM Faculty Meeting** **CHEM 104**
- 10am-12pm** **CHASS Faculty Meeting** **GCB 111**
- 8am-4pm** **HSB Faculty Meeting** **HSB 113**
- 2-4pm** **Library Faculty Meeting** **LARC 317**
- 4-5pm** **Extended Studies Employee Meeting** **LARC, ES Suite**
- 5:30-7:30pm** **Academics and Athletics, All Employee Reception** **Rooftop, Leomiti Center**
*Join Provost Abdelrahman and Athletic Director Plinske for an exciting evening on the Leomiti Warrior Center Rooftop at the ThunderBowl. Watch our athletes practice, enjoy video and music on the ThunderTron, and meet two new campus leaders dedicated to student success. This casual evening is sponsored by ThunderZone and RMC Distributing and is free to employees, with one adult guest, with an RSVP. Enjoy pizza, Pepsi, beer, and the opportunity to meet the faculty, staff, and students who work with both these campus leadership teams. **RSVP to the Provost's Office at x2313 or to provostoffice@csupueblo.edu by August 10, 2018.***

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

10am-2:00pm EXHIBIT HALL

OSC Ballroom

Visit the #VISION2028 Exhibit Hall and learn more about the dozens of services, departments, programs, support systems, and academic opportunities available at CSU-Pueblo for faculty, staff, and students. Human Resources will be available during this time in order for new and returning faculty to sign contracts and offer letters – or ask questions about any HR-related issue. Faculty and staff photos will also be taken for phone and web directories at the Exhibit Hall. All Faculty and Staff are encouraged to update the university photo on file.

8-9:00am Academic Session: The Seven Principles of Learning, Dr. Timothy P. Mottet OSC Tundra

Attend lively, early morning session and enjoy a presentation and discussion on the seven principles of learning.

9-10:00am Academic Session: Lower Ed Book Talk, Dr. Jonathan Rees (CTL) OSC Monarch

Dr. Tressie McMillan Cottom is a sociologist at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her book Lower Ed is about the for-profit sector of higher education, but it is also about the experience of students just like ours. Her scholarship and her experiences as a for-profit college recruiter speak directly to the challenges we face educating students here at CSU-Pueblo every day. The CTL has free copies of Dr. Cottom's book to give to any interested faculty or staff member. We'll be talking about the book together in preparation for her visit to our campus in the fall for a public lecture on September 26. For more information, contact CTL@csupueblo.edu.

9-10:00am Presidential Fellows: Track Centers, Volk & Blaha OSC Cottonwood

Presidential Fellows, Dr. David Volk and Jeremiah Blaha, lead a wrap-up discussion of their experience being presidential fellows, spring 2018.

10-11:00am Presidential Fellows: Compensation, Proctor & Quintana OSC Blue Spruce

Presidential Fellows, Dr. Kristina Proctor and Jennifer Quintana, lead a wrap-up discussion of their experience being presidential fellows, spring 2018.

10-11:00am Presidential Fellows: Articulation Agreements, Lopez & Aragon OSC Serena

Presidential Fellows, Dr. Derek Lopez and Michael Aragon, lead a wrap-up discussion of their experience being presidential fellows, spring 2018.

11am-1:00pm All Employee Lunch, Sponsored by A'viands OSC Café

Stop by the registration desk from 7:30am – 1pm on Wednesday, August 15, and pick-up your FREE lunch ticket.

1-2:00pm Senate, Open Session OSC, ASG Chambers

Open to all employees. Join elected faculty leadership, representing all colleges on campus, in order to discuss goal setting, the upcoming academic year, and more.

2-2:30pm COFFEE BREAK OSC, 2nd Floor

2:30-3:30pm Academic Session: Open Educational Resources, Dr. Jonathan Poritz OSC Monarch

OER are materials like textbooks and software for automated homework systems which are distributed under a license which allows for unfettered retention, reuse, revision, remixing, and redistribution -- this makes for reduced cost to students and greater academic freedom for faculty. There are now terrific OERs for many subjects which we will show you how to find and adapt to your purpose. Financial and other support will also soon be available from the State and other entities for OER adoption, adaptation, and creation, as we will explain. For more info, contact CTL@csupueblo.edu.

3:30-4:30pm Presidential Fellows: Professional Development, Pocius & Robertshaw OSC Cottonwood

Presidential Fellows, Adam Pocius and Amy Robertshaw, lead a wrap-up discussion of their experience being presidential fellows, spring 2018.

4:30-5:30pm Presidential Fellows: Todos Santos, Montoya & Bowan OSC Blue Spruce

Join Presidential Fellows, Dr. Fawn-Amber Montoya and Dr. Daniel Bowan for a wrap-up discussion of their experience being presidential fellows, spring 2018.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

10-11:00am Validating Draft Concepts: A Vision, A Mission, and CSU-Pueblo Values OSC Aspen

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10am-2:00pm Senate, Retreat

OSC, ASG Chambers

All members of the Faculty Senate will participate in a team-building, strategic planning retreat.

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1-2:00pm President's Open Office Hours

OSC Fireplace

Join the President and members of Cabinet in "Open Office Hours." Ask questions, seek counsel, or simply listen and learn about big ideas happening at CSU-Pueblo during the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

2-3:00pm What's Brewing at The Library!

OSC Foyer

Drop by, sip a cup of coffee, simply say "hello," or stay and spend an enjoyable hour with your campus librarians and see everything they have planned for the coming semester: new databases and books, library instruction, workshops, events, and faculty support services. Something new for everyone! Coffee, summer drinks, and light snacks will be served at this informal gathering.

3:30-5:00pm AAUP Open Forum

OSC ASG Chambers

All CSU-Pueblo faculty are invited to join the AAUP and discuss issues facing the university. "The mission of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is to advance academic freedom and shared governance; to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education; to promote the economic security of faculty, academic professionals, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and all those engaged in teaching and research in higher education; to help the higher education community organize to make our goals a reality; and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good." Questions? Contact AAUP President, Dr. Jane Fraser at jane.fraser@csupueblo.edu

5:30-7:30pm All Employee Family Picnic, Sponsored by the CSU-Pueblo Foundation OSC Ballroom

A fun evening for CSU-Pueblo employees and their families! Join us in the OSC ballroom for an evening of family, food, and fun! A cash bar will be provided. Our meal, including water, tea, and coffee is sponsored by the CSU-Pueblo Foundation. Bounce house, activities, and a face painter for the kids! **NO NEED TO RSVP!**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

8am-2:00pm New Student Move-in

Residence Halls

Join the Residence Hall and Student Affairs staff as we welcome, meet and greet, and move in our newest members of the Pack!

8am-5:00pm Advising, All Departments

Various Offices

All academic departments will be available to advise new students, meet with prospective majors, and discuss available classes and major/minor options.

3-5:00pm New Student Convocation

Massari Arena

Come welcome our newest Thunderwolves as they embark on their journey here at CSU-Pueblo! All Faculty and Staff are invited and encouraged to attend New Student Convocation. By attending this signature welcome event, you will underscore to the incoming new students and their families that you are there to support them

throughout their academic career at CSU-Pueblo. The event will feature a Campus Welcome by Dr. Mottet, a keynote address from our speaker Josh Vroman, the academic charge and pinning ceremony; promptly followed with a pep rally. Wear your academic regalia, or, RSVP by August 8, 2018 to keelan.bailey@csupueblo.edu, and receive a free t-shirt to wear to the event.

5-8:00pm

Discover Downtown

Pueblo Riverwalk

Incoming students at Colorado State University-Pueblo and their families once again will descend on Pueblo's downtown to help kick off the new academic year. The 3rd Annual CSU-Pueblo Discover Downtown is set for Friday, August 17, 2018 from 5-8 p.m. on the Riverwalk. This is a great way to welcome new freshmen to our community and introduce them to all that Pueblo has to offer. Open to the public.



Complete our #VISION2028 survey! Share your ideas, your experiences, and your bold vision for our campus and the community we serve. Your thoughtful feedback will provide campus leaders, system officials, statewide policymakers, and the general public with critical insights about our values, our strengths, our weaknesses, and our opportunities as a campus community.

www.csupueblo.edu/visionsurvey

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Do you have questions?

Want to hear more about Convocation Week, fall 2018?

Want to get involved in our #VISION2028 initiative?

Do you have ideas, feedback, or stories to share?

*Contact Dr. Donna Souder Hodge at x2282, stop by Admin 301,
or email at donna.souder@csupueblo.edu or vision@csupueblo.edu.*

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